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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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QUACKS AND FAKE DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of quacks and fake doctors operating, particularly in the rural and remote areas across the country;

(b) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to identify and check the activities of such unqualified medical practitioners in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such unqualified medical practitioners detected and punished during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the other measures being taken by the Government to check the activities of quacks and fake doctors and for stringent action against them in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): The Government is aware of the existence of unqualified medical practitioners in the country. However, specific information regarding number of unqualified medical practitioners is not maintained by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(d): The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 already has provision which prohibits a person, other than a medical practitioner enrolled on a State Medical Register, to practice medicine in the State and the Act also empowers the State Governments to take action against any such person who violates the said provision of the Indian Medical Council Act.